

## **JOHN ROBERTS, JR.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

John Roberts, son of John Roberts, Sen., and Adelaide Ford Roberts, was born December 20, 1848, in Woolwich, Kent, England. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1863, and emigrated to America with his parents in 1863. At the age of 14 he drove three yoke of oxen across the plains, arriving in Salt Lake City in October, 1863, and came to Lehi a month later.

He went East for emigrants in 1865 and helped to bring the Thomas Taylor company to Salt Lake City. Two years later, 1867, he fought in the Black Hawk War. He spent two years freighting by team in Nevada, and for several years did teaming and farming. He married Alice Ann Taylor, daughter of James and Ann Taylor, December 25, 1872, from which union ten children were born.

He entered the employment of the People's Co-operative Institution in 1882. He was manager of the Branch Co-op. For fourteen years, city treasurer six terms, a member of the City Council two terms, and mayor of the city one term. He served on the School Board six years, as chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Death took his wife, Alice Ann, in the year 1895. He then married Mary Ann Cutler Standring, and in a few years was left again, she passing away in 1900. One year later he married Emma Jane Evans Taylor and has three sons from this marriage.

He has taken an active part in ecclesiastical organizations of the Church, was one of the presidents of the 68th quorum of seventies, and is at present an active block teacher and a high priest.

At the age of 65 he is still (1913) in the employment of the People's Co-operative Institution.